Methodist History Resources

The titles listed below are some of the basic resources useful for your research in Methodist history. Methodism materials may be housed in the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library as well as in the Divinity School Library.

Bibliographies


Div. Sch. BMRC BX8345.7 .E47 1992


Div. Sch. BMRC E98.R3 L464 1979


Div. Sch. BMRC BX8331.2 .R694 1975


Div. Sch. BX8331.2 .U558 1998 / Copies on Ready Reference Shelves and BMRC


**Dictionaries and Encyclopedias**


Div. Sch. BX8211 .E5 1974 / Copies in stacks, Ready Reference shelves and BMRC


Div. Sch. BX8382.2.A4 K57 1996 / Copies in stacks and BMRC


Div. Sch. BMRC BX7990.H6 H55 2001


Div. Sch. BMRC BX8491 .R64 1997


Div. Sch. quarto BX8211 .S5 1878 / Other editions also located in stacks and reference.


Div. Sch. BMRC BX8211 .D52 2000


Div. Sch. BMRC BX 8211 .H57 2005

**General Resources**

Print:

*Annual Conference Journals*
(The most current journal for each conference in the United States is located in the BMRC with older journals from other United Methodist conferences and their antecedents are found in the stacks. See a reference librarian if you have difficulty locating a particular conference journal.)

The Book of Discipline (and its antecedents)

The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church. 1968 - to date. Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5583

Decisions of the Judicial Council
http://archives.umc.org/interior_judicial.asp?mid=263
• Also found in the General Minutes. Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .U5584

Journal of the General Conference

Methodist Protestant Church. 1834-1936 Div. Sch. BX8403 .G464

Minutes of the Annual Conferences (continued as General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church). 1773 - to date.

Div. Sch. BMRC BX8235 .M4842
Div. Sch. BMRC BX8241 .M4847 (for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1845-1940)

Div. Sch. Ref. ML102.H95 R6 1986

United Methodist Hymnal
Div. Sch. M2127 .U555 1989 / Located in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

Online:
The General Commission on Archives and History for The United Methodist Church
http://www.gcah.org

- Includes full text resources, annual conference archive contacts, and brief explanations of topics in United Methodist history.

John Rylands University Library of Manchester, Methodist Archives and Research Centre
http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/specialcollections/collections/methodist/

- Includes an online text library, web exhibits, and several online research guides in addition to information about the Archive’s print resources.

The Methodist Church of Great Britain http://www.methodist.org.uk

- The official website of The Methodist Church of Great Britain.

United Methodist Information http://www.umc.org/

- The official website of The United Methodist Church

Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene College http://wesley.nnu.edu/

- A collection of online resources related to the holiness tradition and Wesleyan theology

**Works of John and Charles Wesley**

Print:


Div. Sch. PR4763.W5 A17 1868


Div. Sch. PR3763.W4 A6 1988 / copies in stacks and BMRC

Div. Sch. BX8217 .W5 1975 / copies in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

The Works of John Wesley (on compact disc; includes the full Jackson edition and the Bicentennial edition vols. 1-4, 7, 18-24)

Check out cd from Circulation Desk; insert into one of the computers across from the Circulation Desk. Click on the "Circulating CDs" icon; click on the title.


Div. Sch. BX8217 .W54/ Copies in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

Online:

CCEL Wesley Full-text http://www.ccel.org/index/author-W.html

- Includes public domain editions of Collection of Hymns, for the Use of the People Called Methodists; Journal of John Wesley; Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Sermons on Several Occasions; and Wesley’s Notes on the Bible

Charles Wesley’s Hymns via Cyberhymnal http://www.cyberhymnal.org/bio/w/e/s/wesley_c.htm

- While Charles Wesley’s page includes the most material, subsequent pages list some hymns written by other members of the Wesley family, including Charles Wesley, Jr., John Wesley, Samuel Wesley, Jr., Samuel Wesley, and Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

The Wesleys and Their Times http://gbgm-umc.org/umhistory/wesley/

- A collection of primary and secondary materials pertaining to John, Charles, and Susanna Wesley.

Full Text Databases

African American newspapers: the 19th century
http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00787

Digital library of classic Protestant texts http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00667

- Includes primary texts, facsimiles, and selected English translations 1500-1700

Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800
http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00681

- A definitive resource for research on 17th and 18th century American history and life including such varied topics as agriculture, foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, science, philosophy, the Revolutionary War, temperance, and witchcraft.

Early English Books Online (EEBO) http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK01055

- EEBO reproduces over 125,000 books, pamphlets and broadsides published in English between 1475 and 1700.

Eighteenth century collections online http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00959

- The complete works of many 18th century authors, women writers of the 18th century and French Revolution collections are included.

Eighteenth Century Journals II http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK02000

- Journals from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center collection of 17th and 18th century newspapers and periodicals.

Literature Online (LION) http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00376

- A fully-searchable library of over 250,000 full text works of English and American literature dating from 600 CE.

North American women’s letters and diaries http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00791

- Includes records from more than 1500 women from colonial times to 1950

Women and social movements in the United States, 1600-2000
http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK01698

- Primary source document collections from colonial times to the present. Items are arranged by social movement, as well as by authors, sources, etc.

**Periodical Indexes**

ATLA Religion Database. http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00820

Div. Sch. Ref. BX8201 .M4847


Div. Sch. BMRC q BX8201 .M4841 1989

Nineteenth Century Masterfile http://library.duke.edu/metasearch/db/id/DUK00613

• Provides indexing to nineteenth century periodicals, books, newspapers, and government documents. Includes Index to periodical articles in religion, 1890-1899.


Div. Sch. BX8203 .W475 1960 / Located in stacks, Reference Room and BMRC

**Serials**


*Christian Advocate*  
(see Batsel, *Union List of United Methodist Serials* [BMRC BX8331.2 .B354 1974] for proper titles and then search online catalog for call numbers)

*Methodist History*. 1962 - to date Div. Sch. BX8235 .M44

(see sheet in the BMRC for title changes and call numbers)


Div. Sch. BX9875.A1 U558

**Microfiche/Microfilm**


- Includes primary sources from 1738-1932. Examples: letters, diaries, pamphlets, periodicals, monographs.


- Covers the time period of 1846-1949 and includes materials (files, correspondence, etc.) from the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South related to missions in Africa and China.

*Miscellaneous Serials*

*Arminian magazine* (Philadelphia, Pa.). 1789-1790

Perkins Microfilm N455

*Christian Advocate* (Central) 1941-1968 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S13

*Christian Advocate* (Southwestern) 1873-1940 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S13

*Christian Index* 1938-1946 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S11

*Daily Christian Advocate* 1848-1938 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S8 and S9

*Methodist Quarterly Review* 1847-1930 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S17

*Woman’s Missionary Friend* 1869-1940 Microfilm: Div. Sch. S12

**Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Special Collections Library**

Along with the substantial holdings in American Methodism, the collection of Wesleyana and British Methodism material comprises one of the most comprehensive Wesleyana collections in the world. See [http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/pathfinders/religious/](http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/pathfinders/religious/) for more information.

**Citation Style Guide**

A citation guide with a link to Dr. Heitzenrater's "Citing Wesley Style Sheet" can be found on the Divinity School Library web site at: [http://library.duke.edu/divinity/help/citation.html](http://library.duke.edu/divinity/help/citation.html)